

## REMARKS

### Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application and the indication that claims 2, 3 9-11, 14, and 15 embody allowable subject matter. In reliance on this indication and in an effort to expedite the allowance of this application, Applicant submits the foregoing amendments, in which:

- the allowable subject matter of claim 2 is incorporated into independent claim 1;
- the allowable subject matter of claim 9 is incorporated into independent claim 8; and
- the allowable subject matter of claim 14 is incorporated into independent claim 13.

Claims 2, 9, and 14 have been correspondingly canceled. In addition, the dependencies of claims 3, 10, and 15 have been correspondingly revised.

Thus, independent claims 1, 8, and 13 are not in condition for allowance. As all remaining claims depend from claim 1, 8, or 13, all claims are in condition for allowance.

### **CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1, 3-8, 10-13 and 15-20 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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